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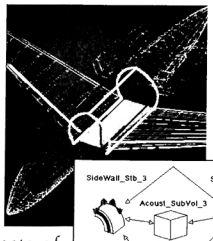

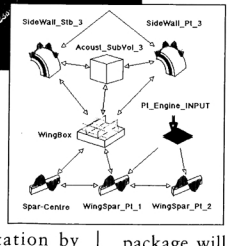

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Physics Literacy 'Experts' Questioned

The article on physics literacy (November 1990, page 60) was disappointing. That is not surprising, considering most of the people you questioned. I am reminded of the story of the four-star general at the Pentagon who for many years had not spoken to anyone beneath the rank of colonel. With the exception of Sheila Tobias, none of the "experts" included could have had anything useful to contribute. Tobias is the only one who deals with students who avoid science because they fear failure. You should have devoted the article to her ideas.

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Corrections

April, page 85—The discussion of the Gammasphere should have said that it will remain at the Lawrence Berkeley Lab for about 18 months and will then be transferred to another lab, to be determined after peer review of the available scientific opportunities.

November 1990, page 92—The price of the hardcover edition of *Gravitation SL(2,C) Gauge Theory and Conservation Laws* is $24.00.

Editor's Note

April, page 80—The table entitled "Department of Energy physics-related programs" could have listed three additional national labs participating in heavy-ion research: Argonne, Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore. ■